

REMARKS

Claims 19 and 25 are presented for consideration, with both claims being independent.

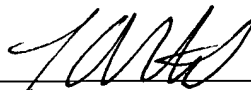
In order to expedite prosecution, Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-24, 26 and 27 have been cancelled. These claims were subject to rejection. However, these rejections are not conceded, but will instead be taken up in a divisional application so as to expedite allowance of Claims 19 and 25.

As Claims 19 and 25 stand allowed, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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